

Village of Volente Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 20, 2011, 7:00 P.M.

At VVFD and Community Center

15406 FM 2769, Volente, Texas.

MINUTES

A. Items Opening Meeting

1. Call to order

Mayor Justine Blackmore-Hlista called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

2. Roll Call

Those in attendance were Councilmember's Mark Scott, Chris Wilder, Judy Graci, Matthew Hammond, Mayor Pro Tem Fred Graber and Mayor Justine Blackmore-Hlista.

3. Pledge to the Flag and reading of the Village Vision Statement:

Mayor Blackmore-Hlista led the pledge and Councilmember Scott read the Vision Statement.

B. Citizen Communications

1. Ron Murray spoke regarding a pending party for the Village at the Volente Beach Club and would like to have the support of the Council for this gathering.

2. Councilmember Mark Scott reminded the public about the National Night Out on October 4th at the Volente Fire Hall.

3. Councilmember Judy Graci spoke about the Volente Fire Department open house and parade on October 22 to commemorate the 50th year anniversary of the department.

C. General Business and Action Items

1. Report and recommendation from Volente Fire Department regarding mitigation of fire hazards

Fire chief Walter Groman gave an update on the fires in this area and the participation of the department. He encouraged brush cleanup for this area and gave several suggestions for fire prevention.

2. Discussion regarding noise enforcement and permitting

Several community members spoke of the noise from the Sept. 5, 2011 WAVE event. There is a noise ordinance but how to enforce is the problem before the council. The Council will continue to work on this issue and relating issues of the noise ordinance and report back to the public.

3. Recommendation from P&Z commission for amending the site development ordinance to include conditions under which the application requirement for a professionally prepared site plan may be waived

Ken Beck, Chairman of the P&Z commission had prepared a recommendation. It was presented and Mayor Justine Blackmore Hlista read the recommendation.

4. Public Hearing on Amending the Site Development Ordinance

The hearing began at 8:35 p. m. Several citizens spoke about the recommendation from P&Z and their concerns with this recommendation. The public hearing was closed at 8:53 p.m.

5. Discussion and possible action on amending the site development ordinance to include conditions under which the application requirement for a professionally prepared site plan may be waived

Councilmember Judy Graci made a motion for Jeff Tippens, attorney with Scanlan, Young, and Buckle to proceed with meeting with Village engineer David Simon and P&Z chairman Ken Beck to develop language for the site ordinance which the application requirement for a professionally prepared site plans may be waived. Councilmember Matthew Hammond seconded the motion. All were in favor.

6. Discussion and possible action on the application fee structure

Councilmember Judy Graci gave a summary of the current fees and possible new ones. This will be finalized at the next council meeting.

7. Discussion and possible action on senior tax exemption credit

Councilmember Mark Scott made a motion to continue with the \$30,000.00 exemption that is currently in place and to readopt it. Councilmember Chris Wilder seconded the motion. All were in favor.

8. Public Hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2011/2012 budget and tax rate

Public hearing began at 9:20 p.m. and closed at 9:20 p.m.

9. Consideration and possible action on the proposed fiscal year 2011/2012 budget

The proposed budget was presented and reviewed line by line by Councilmember Mark Scott. Two amendments were made by council members. Councilmember Chris Wilder made a motion to accept and approve the proposed budget for fiscal year 2011/2012 with the amendments. Mayor Pro Tem Frederick Graber seconded the motion. All were in favor with Councilmember Matthew Hammond not voting because of absence.

10. Consideration and possible action on the proposed tax rate of .1286% for 2011/2012

Councilmember Chris Wilder made a motion to approve and accept the property rate for 2011/2012 for the third year in a row of .1286%. Member Pro Tem Frederick Graber seconded the motion. All were in favor. Councilmember Matthew Hammond absent.

11. Discussion and possible action regarding petition before the FCC that would preclude Volente from regulating Time Warner Cable.

This action was tabled until the next meeting.

12. Construction Report and Enforcement Report

Mayor Justine Blackmore Hlista gave an update on these reports. There were no comments.


13. Approval of minutes from 5/24/11, 6/27/11, 7/1/11, 7/21/11, 8/16/11 and 8/30/11

Mayor Pro Tem Frederick Graber made a motion to approve the minutes presented. Councilmember Mark Scott seconded the motion. All were in favor with Councilmember Matthew Hammond absent.

14. Adjourn


Councilmember Chris Wilder made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Mark Scott seconded the motion. All were in favor with Councilmember Matthew Hammond absent.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ^{October} 17 DAY OF ~~SEPTEMBER~~, 2011.



Mayor Justine Blackmore-Hlista

ATTEST:


Joan Jackson,
City Secretary/Assistant to the Mayor